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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF EAST CHINA IN 1952

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Industries

1. Heavy Industry

The production of heavy industry in East China for 1951 was 58.16 percent greater than for 1950, and the number of workers employed in heavy industries in 1951 was 20.28 percent more than 1950. Using 1950 as the base year, the 1951 mining and industrial investment in East China was 293 percent; in 1952 is expected to reach 688 percent.

Using 1949 as the base year, the total are output of the mines under the jurisdiction of the Department of Industry of the East China administrative Committee reached 269 percent for the first half of 1952; and the production of electrical equipment, 879 percent. The 1952 production of the Shanghai and Nanking machinery factorics exceeded the 1949 output by 1,139 percent.

2. Light Industry

The following increases in the production of cotton goods in East China were achieved during the first half of 1952:

- a. Cotton yarn -- 22 percent greater than the same period in 1930
- b. Cotton cloth -- 10 percent greater than the same period in 1936

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Using 1949 as the base year, the Shanghai State-Operated Cotton Weaving Factory realized the "ollowing production increases:

	1950 (%)	<u>1951 (%)</u>	First Half of 1952 (%)
Cotton yarn	105	116	118
Cotton cloth	111	119	127

B. Agriculture

Agricultural production for East China in 1952 is expected to be as follows:

- 1. Foodstuffs -- 13.6 percent greater than the highest production year prior to World War II, or 75 percent greater than $_{-}$ /49
- 2. Cotton -- 77 percent greater than the highest production year prior to World War II, or 482 percent greater than 1949
- 3. Tobacco -- 106.4 percent greater than the highest production year prior to World War II, or 482 percent greater than 1949
 - 4. Flax -- 908.5 percent greater than the year prior to liberation
 - 5. Tea -- 11.3 percent greater than the year prior to World War 1_
 - 6. Silk -- 82 percent greater than 1949

C. Forestry, Stock Breeding, a 1 Rural Purchasing Power

During the past 3 years, 3.92 million mou of forestland were reforested, 12 million mou of forests were preserved, and 709.14 million trees were planted. During the past 3 years, there was an increase of over 2 million farm animals and 8 million pigs in East China. According to the 1952 survey of Shantung, North Kiangsu, Chekiang, and Anhwei provinces, the rural purchasing power for 1952 was 21 percent greater that for 1951.

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